

Approved Minutes

Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force Demand Sub-Committee Meeting

October 24, 2012

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
One Ashburton Place, Room 2133
Boston, MA 02108

Convened at 10:10a.m.

Members present: Sheridan Haynes, Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence; Lina Nealon, Demand Abolition; Ellen Slaney, Office of Probation

Guests: Chief Tom Pasquarello, Somerville P.D.

Staff Present: Jacklyn Varela, Office of the Attorney General

1. Welcome / Introductions – All members and guests briefly introduced themselves.
2. Agenda Review – No additional items unforeseen by the co-chairs at the time of the posting were raised.
3. Sub-committee Membership – Chief Pasquarello asked that rather than joining the sub-committee formally that he participate as a guest. A brief discussion followed about extending the invitation to others to join the sub-committee. Lina Nealon has extended an invitation to Maureen Casey, Spectrum Health to join the sub-committee.
4. Review "Demand" Provision in the Legislation – The sub-committee discussed the tenant set forth by the legislation.
 - a. Tenant – "Examine ways to curtail the demand side of trafficking such as self-sustaining first offender diversion programs."
5. Quick Overview: Where is Massachusetts on Addressing Demand - Lina Nealon described the work and efforts of Demand Abolition and other states to curb sex trafficking such as John Schools, coordination with Boston P.D. and reverse stings.
6. Objectives – The sub-committee discussed objectives of what they would like to examine over the next six months, including:
 - a. Examine successful approaches used in other states, such as Illinois
 - b. Examine the effectiveness and the costs associated with John Schools
 - c. Look at Massachusetts specific data to fill in the gaps

- d. Work with other sub-committees on incorporating training for the Judicial branch, law enforcement and probation relative to demand
- 7. Planning the January Presentation to the Task Force – The sub-committee set the dates for the next two meetings to prepare for the January Task Force Meeting. The sub-committee will meet on Tuesday, November 20 and Thursday, December 6 at 9:30a.m. in the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.
- 8. Ideas for the Next Sub-Committee Meeting(s): The sub-committee discussed inviting a representative from the John School in Worcester to come speak to the sub-committee.

Adjourned at 11:56a.m.